

# St Mary's Newsletter

Spring Term – Friday 6th February 2026

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APPROVED TRAVEL PLAN 2025



Attendance Weekly 95.6%

Attendance Year 96.1%

*Our motto: Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow inspired by Matthew 5: 15-16*

**Compassion**

**Friendship**

**Perseverance**

**Respect**

**Trust**

**Truthfulness**

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter, where you will find articles about our Shining Stars of the Week, our upcoming Parent Consultations (in mid-March), our Book Look and Share Our Work Sessions (also in March) as well as our House Point Champions of the Week! There are also some informative posters about a Junior Bake Off Challenge, the FOSM Non-Uniform & Rainbow Raffle Day and FOSM KS1 disco (both on the 13th February). Please also don't forget to keep adding blue tokens to our ever-growing collection at the Tesco Superstore in Saffron Walden. We are currently in the lead—so let's keep it that way everybody!

## Stars of the Week

**Sylvie**—for working very hard in lessons—well done!

**Hugo**—for focus and self-challenge in maths

**Jasper**—for improved effort and focus in class this year

**Max**—for reading consistently at home and displaying a love for reading

**Sisi**—for always being a role model and showing active listening

**Mia**—for making so much effort and progress in Phonics

**Kathryn**—for getting involved in class discussions

**Sofia**—for excellent perseverance in Maths

**Mbali**—for always doing her jobs with effort and exactness

**Nkosi**—for his impressive maths work this

**Rupert**—for showing such interest and enthusiasm for learning all about space

**Noah**—for his consistent effort and resilience in writing

**Sophie**—for her enthusiastic and hardworking approach to learning

**Murphy**—for working really hard to improve writing quality and quantity in English and producing a great story introduction.



## Parent Consultations - Tuesday 10th March & Thursday 12th March

Appointments for the parent consultations are available to book from **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** via our Parent's Evening System which can be found at <https://stmarys.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

**Please arrive promptly for your meeting.** The meetings will be face to face and held in the main school hall from 3.30pm - 6.30pm, with each family having the opportunity to make a 10 minute appointment per child. Please book your appointment before the **booking system closes on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12.00pm.**

**If your child has already had a One Plan meeting then there is no requirement to book an appointment, as you would have already had your 20 minute meeting.**

In order to log on securely parents/carers will need to put in their name as given to the school, your child's given name (or chosen first name as given to the office) and your child's date of birth as an 8 digit number e.g. 25/09/2008.

If you need any assistance with booking your appointment, please contact the school office on 01799 523384.

## Parent/Carers Book Look/Share Our Work Sessions

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to come into school to look at your child's school work and celebrate their learning with them.

This will take place on **Thursday 5th March**, and you are welcome to attend at either of the following times:

- 8.30am – 9.00am

- 3.15pm – 4.15pm

This is a lovely opportunity to see the progress your child is making and share in their achievements.



### **House triumphs!**

These are the results for this week: in 1st place with 90 points was Water House; in 2nd place with 56 points was Earth House, in 3rd place with 53 points was Fire House and in 4th place with 44 points was Air House. Well done everybody!



**1st place  
(90 points)**



**2nd place  
(56 points)**



**3rd place  
(53 points)**



**4th place  
(44 points)**

Have a lovely weekend!

*Mr C. D. Jarman*

Headteacher of St Mary's Church of England Primary school, Saffron Walden

### **February Half-Term Clubs Now Open for Booking – Essex ActivAte**

Essex Activate half-term clubs are now open for booking and offer free spaces for eligible families across Essex. These clubs play a vital role in supporting local communities by providing school-aged children with access to high-quality, enriching activities during the school holidays.



Activities include sports, creative arts, wellbeing sessions, food education, and opportunities for children to build confidence and make new friendships. With nearly 100 clubs operating across the county, families can enjoy a wide range of exciting experiences throughout the half-term break.

A Holiday Activities voucher code is not required to book a free place. Families can simply visit the Find Your Active Activity Finder, locate their nearest club, and contact the provider directly to secure a space.

Many clubs also offer paid places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club. Please use the link below for more information.

[Essex Activate | Active Essex](#)

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE  
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



Kate who is Series Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down has contacted us to let us know that they have recently opened applications for the 12<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake off**, a Channel 4 competition series celebrating Britain's young baking talent!



They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-15 years old** and interested bakers can apply online at - [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

Filming would take place from July 2026, and **applications close on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

Please do feel free to contact them on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above. The Junior Bake Off Team enquiries: [applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk)

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Charity number: 1046048

**SUPPORT US WITH TESCO'S**  
**BLUETOKEN**  
**SCHEME!**

**DROP IN A BLUE TOKEN FOR FOSM!**

**VOTE FOR US IN STORE!**

**Help us raise funds for our school!**



Friends of St Mary's

# NON-UNIFORM DAY!

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

## RAINBOW RAFFLE DONATION DAY!

Bring in an item in your class colour to help create our raffle hampers!

Suggested Colours by Year Group :

♥ Reception - **RED**

♥ Year 1 - **ORANGE**

♥ Year 2 - **YELLOW**

♥ Year 3 - **GREEN**

♥ Year 4 - **BLUE**

♥ Year 5 - **PURPLE**

♥ Year 6 - **PINK**

Donations welcome Friday  
**13<sup>th</sup> February!**

Thank you for your support!



**FEBRUARY 13TH**



**2PM - 3PM**



**£6.50- INCLUDES SNACKS,  
DRINKS AND A PARTY BAG**



# Diary Dates



## Key Dates for the Spring Term

### February 2026

WHOLE MONTH	-	LGBTQ+ History Month
Mon 9th to Friday 15th February	-	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 10th February	-	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	-	Year 3 swimming lessons start
Friday 13th February	-	2pm—3pm Key Stage 1 disco/non uniform day
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February	-	Half Term Holiday
Monday 23rd February	-	Pupils Return from 8.30am
Friday 27th February	-	Yr 4 Public Speaking Competition (Katherine Semar)

### March 2026

Tuesday 3rd March	-	Governors' Day
Thursday 5th March	-	Parent/Carer Book Look/Share Our Work sessions: 8.30am to 9am & 3.15pm to 4pm
Thursday 5th March	-	World Book Day—Dolce special lunch
Monday 9th to Friday 13th March	-	British Science Week
Monday 9th to Friday 20th March	-	Assessment weeks
Tuesday 10th March	-	Parent/Carer Consultations from 3.30pm
Thursday 12th March	-	Parent/Carer Consultations from 3.30pm
Monday 16th March	-	World Book Day
Monday 16th to Friday 20th March	-	Neurodiversity Week
Monday 16th March	-	Y4 Parent presentations 9.00am (School Hall)
Wednesday 18th March	-	Y5 Dance Show at Saffron Hall 4.15pm—6.00pm
Friday 20th March	-	Red Nose Day
Monday 23rd March	-	Y1 Duxford Trip
Tuesday 24th March	-	School Choir workshop at SWCHS
Thursday 26th March	-	Y3 Parent Presentation 9.15am (School Hall)
Friday 27th March	-	Easter Service @ St Mary's Church (11am)
Friday 27th March	-	Last day of term – finish at 1.30pm
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	-	Easter Holidays

